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Applicant: FJELDSTAD et al.

Appl. No.: 09/717,306 Group: Unassigned

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE REAL-TIME  
MEASUREMENTS OF RESIDUAL STRESSES IN PLANAR AND  
NON-PLANAR OBJECTS

**L E T T E R**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

April 23, 2001

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised  
of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
<b>09/592,790</b>	<b>June 13, 2000</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S.  
application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be  
material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the  
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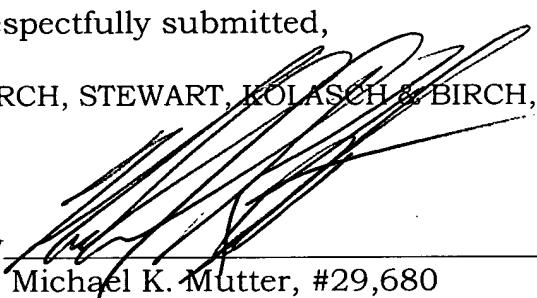
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Respectfully submitted,

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